POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A THING STIRS TRADERS.

A CORNER IN MAY WHEAT!

Dangerous for the Public to Haudle as a Stove-Lid While

CHICAGO, December 25.-The possibility that Leiter and Armour will poor their interests to corner May wheat is stirring traders on the Exchange. The Post says: "George French, operating for the Leiter crowd, has piled up a line of at least 4,000,000 bushels of May wheat, according to reports from the floor. Armour's radical change of front in builing equally well known that Armour has a pyramid of May wheat bought, which is supposed to come close to the Leiter holding. As if to emphasize the buil feeling. Armour's men bought wheat to-day again. Armour's movements are closely yelled, but Leiter's agents make no secret of their dealings in May wheat, Already that option is regarded as being as dangerous for the public to handle as a stove-l'd while heated,

## VIRGINIA IN THE LEAD.

More Free-Mall-Delivery Offices

Than Any Other Southern State. WASHINGTON, December 23 .- (Special.) It was learned at the Post-Office Department to-day that Virginia leads all the Southern States in the number of free-delivery offices, now having twelve supplied with the service. Winchester supplied with the service. Winchester is on the eligible list, having reached the maximum amount of receipts necessary for the establishment of the system. Application is on file, but no special effort has yet been made to establish the service in that city. It may be that, as in the case of Manchester, the department is awaiting the appointment of a Republican postmaster. Republican postmas

PERSONAL

Chief-Engineer J. B. Faller, of the Norfolk and Western railroad, whose headquarters are at Roanoke, is in the business, and is stopping at the

Metropolitan.

A. F. Miller, Richmond, Va.; P. Walton,
Palls Mills, Va.; S. M. Scott, Greensboro',
N. C.; Miss Bingham and Miss S. A.
Bingham, Salisbury, N. C.; Martin Crook
and F. G. Ramsey, University of Virginia; J. H. Wingate, Roanoke-Metropoli-

W. H. Chadbourn, North Carolina; A. W. H. Chadeburn, North Carolina; A. L. Cahill and wife, North Carolina; C. B. Polane, Raleigh, N. C.; D. L. Boyd, Haywood, N. C.—National, G. L. Thernton, W. B. Garlrick, G. H.

ld. Virginia; R. L. Zirke, Roanoke-Representative Henry Skinner,

Representative Henry Skinner, of North Carolina, accompanied by Mr. C. M. Bernard, prospective United States Attorney for the Eastern District of that State, and Colonel H. E. Hodges, the Populist member of the Legislature, who seconded the nomination of Senator who seconded the nomination of Senator Pritchard in the last Legislature, and the recognized Populist leader in Eastern North Carolina, left for home last night. It is understood that Mr. Hodges will receive an appointment under Collector Duncan, and "relief," he says, cannot come too soon.

A. M. Stummell, Richmond; T. Nixon

A. M. Stummell, Richmond; T. Nixon and wife, North Carolina—Vendome, F. W. Scott, Richmond; W. H. Fitzgerald, Richmond—The Raleigh.
B. A. Davis, Jr., Professor M. Stevens and wife, Richmond, Va.; C. C. Reyhan, University of Virginia; C. C. Wagner, Culpeper, Va.; W. J. Nichols, Roanoke, Va.; W. C. Dawson, Virginia—St. James. Ex-Congressman Woodard, of North Ex-Congressman Woodard, of North Carolina, is here to consult Mr. Ed. Hay, the well-known Washington expert in handwriting, in connection with a contest-ed will case to be tried in Alabama on the 3d of January. He also visited the Pension-Office, in the interest of pension claims pending before the Commissioner from North Carolina. Mr. Woodard left for his home at Wilson this evening. time to spend the holidays with his

POSTAL

Among the fourth-class postmasters following: Thomas L. Henley, Hasty, N. C.; Thandeus S. Bender, Polloksville, N. C.; Eliza Cowhig, Casanova, Va.; John L. Thompson, Dayton, Va.,—money-order of-fices; Joseph C. Bulla, Sawyersville, N. C.; Joseph E. Kandy, Star, N. C.; George W. Haughwout, Crittendon, Va.; Frank B. Fower, Ida, Va.—not money-order of-

Star mail service changes have been made in North Carolina as follows: Canton to Cruso. Modify order of De-cember 1, 1897 (Bulletin 5418), so as to state an increase in distance of one-quarter mile by the supply of Sonoma at the site authorized November 16, 1897.

Speedwell to Cullowhee, Modify order of November 24, 1897 (Bulletin 541), so as to state an increase in distance of one-quarter mile by the supply of Speedwell at the site authorized November 22, 1897, and to take effect December 1, 1897, instead of November 24, 1897.

## PACIFIC RAILROAD BOND PAYMENT Plan of Secretary Gage to Prevent

Money-Market Disturbance. WASHINGTON, December 23 .- Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, in speaking of the heavy payments by the government on January 1st, said:

"Secretary Gage intends that there shall be as little disturbance as possible in the money market as a result of the payment of the principal and interest of the Union Pacific railroad bonds, which mature January 1st. The amount of the principal of these bonds is \$25,902,000, and the interest due thereon is \$897,000. Up to last night, \$10,125,120 of these bonds d been presented for payment, and reasury drafts to the amount of \$8. 350,173 had been issued and sent out from the Treasury. This represents the actual cash payments made up to date. There were up to last night \$2,143,800 proceeds of redeemed bonds held in the Treasury to secure circulation. Checks represent ing the actual cash payments already and to be made between now and the 27th, will be available on that date in the banks. It is probabale that the amount of cash payments to that date will reach \$15,000,000. On the same day, Reorganization Committee of Union Pacific railroad will pay into the Treasury the sum of \$8,538,461, and in or-der to guard further against any disturbance of the market, Secretary Gage has arranged that \$4,000,000 of this amount shall be deposited in the National City Bank of New York, upon bonds being turned over to the government for se-

Treasury at New York.
"The whole amount of bonds falling due on January 1st will, of course, not be presented by that time. There is usually a certain percentage which is slow in coming it, depending mostly upon the condition of the money market. If the market is easy, holders of bonds prefer to let the money for safety remain with the government, and if the price of the bonds is high, there is also a tendency to present them slowly for redemption. Such is the case at this time. There has been a congestion of currency at the money centres, and except within the last week or ten days, the money market has been exceedingly casy. Bonds to the amount of \$7,25,000 are now held as se-curity for special deposits in national banks on account of the purchase of the

curity. The balance-\$4,538,401-will represent the actual amount withdrawn from

the money market, and paid into the Sub-

## LEITER-ARMOUR POOL Kaufmann & Co.

OPEN TO-NIGHT UNTIL 12 D'CLOCK.

## That Option Regarded as Being as Holiday Goods Now at Any Price.

Goods must be sold, no matter what the loss. Prices cut right and left on all Millinery, Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs, Leather Goods, Furs, etc., to close out everything possible.

## Cloaks, Wraps, and Capes. Every Cloak, Wrap, or Cape

that sold at \$10 and over, no mat-May wheat is common knowledge. It is ter what the cost is, will go now at 331 per cent., or ONE THIRD off, in order to realize the cash before January 1st.

## FURS! FURS!! FURS!!!

Another large consignment received yesterday from the manufacturer with orders to sell regardless of cost.

Come to-day and buy the finest FURS at least 20 per cent. less than manufacturer's first cost.

## Kaufmann & Co., Fourth and Broad.

tent there will be no actual money trans action. It will be seen, therefore, that the measures taken by the Secretary will, so far as the redemption of the bonds is concerned, and the payment to the government of the next instalment of the purchase price of the Union Pacific Rail-

road Company, prevent any disturbance of the money market on these accounts. "The last payment to be made to the government on Pacific railroad account will be January 6, 1828, and will amount

THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION.

### Judge Paxson, of Pennsylvania, to Succeed Colonel Morrison.

WASHINGTON, December 23.-1t is belleved that the President has decided to appoint Judge Paxson, of Pennsylvania, as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, to succeed Colonel William R. Morrison, whose term will expire in

January.

The President to-day informed Senator Deboe, of Kentucky, who called upon him In the interest of Mayor Todd, of Louis-ville, that the position was promised, and it is thought that Judge Paxson is the man slated for the place,

## THE MISSION TO LIBERIA.

It Is to Go, It Is Said, to O. L. Smith, of North Carolina.

WASHINGTON, December 23.-Representative White, of North Carolina, had an interview with the President with reference to the appointment of the Minister to Liberia, and, it is understood, obtained the President's promise to nominate the Rev. Owen L. Smith, of North Carolina, one of Representative Witson's

### The Midwinter Turf. NEW ORLEANS, December 23 .- Foi-

lowing are to-day's race results: First race—selling, six furiongs—Daye S. (6 to 1) won, Lady Cordel (10 to 1 and 7 to 1) second, and Ferryman II. (15 to 1) third. Time, 1:153-4. race-five furlongs-Gilray (2) to 1) won, Dunster (8 to 1 and second, and Nancy Till (8 to 1) third.

Time, 1:03 3-4. Third race-one mile and a half-Courtesy (12 to 1) won, Charina (9 to 10 and 2

to 5) second, and Billy McKenzie (6 to 1) third. Time, 2:42 1-2. Fourth race-thirteen-sixteenths of

Fourth race—thirteen-sixteenths of a mile—What Next (5 to 1) won, Ardath (5 to 2 and 4 to 5) second, and Eton Jacket (7 to 2) third. Time, 1:23.

Fifth race—selling, six furiongs—Rebecca B, (12 to 1) won, Bob White (5 to 1 and 8 to 5) second, and Altadena (5) to

## 1) third. Time, 1:171-4. Don Carlos and the Cubans,

LONDON, December 24.—The Paris cor-respondent of the Daily Chronicle says: Some agitation has been caused in the Spanish Colony here by the issue of a circular inviting Spaniards in European capitals to rally to the Carlist cause, and to save the nation from revolution and

"A remarkable feature of the movement is the understanding that evidently exists between the Cuban group in Paris and the adherents of Don Carlos. It is asserted that Don Carlos has promised to abdicate in favor of his son, Don

## Pugliist Perry Acquitted.

PHILADELPHIA. December 23.—The jury in the case of Samuel Perry, a local pugilist, charged with manslaughter in causing the death of Edward J. Gibbons during a boxing bout last March, to-day rendered a verdict of not guilty.

The men were to box for \$25, and after the third round, when Perry's mase was the third round, when Perry's nose wa found to be bleeding, the bout was stop-ped by the referee. Gibbons went to his room and became ill. He died later in a hosp the doctors held that his death was due to hemorrhage.

Coalition Cabinet for Chile, VALPARAISO, December 23.—Seno Cuevas has succeeded in forming a coal tion ministry, with the following distri-bution of portfolios: Premier and Minister of the Interior, Senor Antonio Valdes Cuevas; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Senor Silva Cruz; Minister of Justice, Seno nor Suva Cruz; Minister of Justice, Senor J. Domingo Rivera; Minister of Finance, Senor Gonzales Erraguriz; Minister of War and Marine, Senor V. Davila Larrain; Minister of Industry and Public Works, Senor Horboso.

## Oyster Troubles in New Jersey.

BRIDGETON, N. J., December 23 .- As an outcome of troubles between riparian oyster-ground claimants, Captain Oliver Gandy, of Newport, was held in \$1,000 oyster-ground claimants, Captain Cover Gandy, of Newport, was held in 51,000 hail to-day. Captain Richard Robbins tonged on ground claimed by Gandy, in Delaware bay, and Gandy fired four shots into his sloop, sinking it. Other boats rescued Robbins.

The oystermen are greatly excited.

Gandy had Robbins arrested on charge of stealing oysters.

## Gold Standard in India.

CALCUTTA, December 23.—The Bergal Chamber of Commerce has sent an ad-Chamber of Commerce has sent an ad-dress to the government, in which it says that the time has arrived to adopt the gold standard, pointing out that it is four years since the mints were closed, leaving India without a currency system, asserting that the suspense is harmful to trace, and urging the government to disclose any measures which it may have in contemplation. templation.

Threatened Lynching in Ohio, HAMILTON, O., December 23.—Some days ago a negro and a white man drove the house. To-day, the negro returned to cure. 25c. The genuine has L B, Q.

to the Beatty homestead, near Overpeck Station. Mr. Beatty was again absent. The negro assaulted Mrs. Beatty. She escaped with her clothes torn to shreds. When neignbors arrived they found the negro gone and the house again ran-sacked. Mr. Beatty was icined by his me and the house again ran-mr. Beatty was joined by his sacked. Mr. Beatty was joined by his neighbors in scouring the country, and a lynching would have been inevitable if Mrs. Beatty had identified the captive. A suspect was locked up here to-night. Mrs. Beatty, although seriously prostrated, will be brought here to-morrow to identify him.

## THIRTY-POUND MUSKMELON. Prof. Harrison Writes of Discoveries

in Turkestan.

(Washington Star.) Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, is greatly interested in a report received from Professor Hanson, an agent of the department, who is travelling in Turkestan. Professor Hanson writes that he has discovered in a lo-cality of Turkestan a species of dry-land alfalfa plant. The Secretary is of the opinion that the plant can be used to advantage in the arid sections of the West. It is said the plant has strong roots, which take hold firmly.

Professor Hanson also wrote that he had discovered a species of muskmelon, some of which weighed as much as thirty

The Secretary has been of the opinion ever since he became head of the De-partment of Agriculture that the idea of having agents in foreign countries to secure valuable seeds, plants, shrubs, etc., for the people here is an excellent one. He is having it carried out as far

## DARING ESCAPE OF FELKENS.

Society Man, Charged with Burglary, Jumps from Moving Train.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 23,-Charles Felkens, who made his escape from a Los Angeles deputy sheriff on a north-bound train Monday morning near Fresno, is a son of a well-known banker of New Haven, Conn. He came to the Pacific coast about two years ago, and engaged in the real estate business in Los Angeles. He was popular, and was admit-

Angeles. He was popular, and was admitted into the best society.

Soon after his appearance in that city many burgiaries were committed among the aristocratic residences. Houses were entered at midday and jeweiry was abstracted. These burgiaries were finally traced to Felkens, some of the plunder was found in his possession, and he was arrested on five charges of burgiary. He pleaded guilty to one count of the indictment, and was sentenced to five years in San Quentin. On the way there he made his escape by jumping from a car window, and is still at liberty.

## A CHESTERFIELDIAN ROBBER. He Secures the Money in the Politest

Manner Possible.

JAMAICA, L. I., December 23 .- Early Monday night Frank F. Gulick was just dropping into a delightful sleep, after a hard day's work, when his attention was lirected to a stranger who entered the Sorry to annoy you, my dear sir, said

the polite thief, "but I need \$3. Of course you can give it to me?"

Mr. Guilck was not moved by the resuasive voice, and he told the thief to

"Tut! tut! Gullck, old boy!" said the "Just let me have three, that won't break you, and I must have it. Now, come, shall I assist you in getting

and the stranger smiled sugges-Mr. Gulick reached over for his trousers and handed a \$2 bill to the stranger, who retired. Gulick has a brace of revolvers in the room, and he will put them under his pillow in the future

## MICHIGAN TAX TITLES UPSET. Important Decision Rendered by the

State Supreme Court. LANSING, MICH., December 23 .- Hundreds of tax titles in Michigan have been rendered worthless by a decision of the Supreme Court to the effect that when Sapreme Court to the effect that when lands were bid off to the State for taxes of one year, and are still held by the State, such lands cannot again be sold for the delinquent taxes of succeeding

dure in the office of the State Audior-General, and means a loss of many housands of dollars to the State. The ffect of the decision is so grave that a chearing of the case will be asked.

## TEACHERS TOO GAY.

Michigan School Board Calls a Halt

on Dancing. IRON MOUNTAIN, MICH., December -The School Board of this city has deided that many of the teachers are giving too much attention to affairs of society, and has called a halt in the form of a resolution that was adopted requesting teachers to refrain from attending dances, parties, and other social enter-tainments held on evenings preceding lays upon which school is to-be in ses-

## NEW POSTAL-CARDS. How They Differ from the Old

Ones.

(Washington Star.) Washington has received a car-load of the new postal-cards. They differ but slightly from the old card, the material hange being in their size, which is about one quarter of an inch less in width, This was found necessary in view of the numerous complaints that the old cards ould not go in an ordinary envelope There is a slight change also in the printing, which is, in effect, neater. The erds are of a much finer texture than

## BARRED FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Married Woman May Sue for Read-

mission. ST. LOUIS, December 23.—Recently Miss Gertrude W. Lewis, a 16-year-old school girl, eloped with Samuel Frazer, and they were married. At the time she was a pupil in the High School in this city. Mrs. Frazer continued going to school as usual until yesterday, when School-Superintendent Soidan informed by that being a married woman she her that being a married woman she could no longer continue as a pupil. She may appeal to the law, as she insists on completing her studies.

## Massacre of Portuguese.

LISEON, December 23.—An official dis-patch from St. Paul de Loanda, Portuguese, Lower Guineas, says that the natives of the Humbe plateau, in the Portuguese Colony of Angola, has massacred a Portuguese officer, a sergeant, and twelve men. Reinforcements have been sent from St. Paul de Loanda.

## Italian Ships Going to China.

LONDON, December 23 .- A special dis patch from Rome says that at a meeting of the Italian Cabinet to-day, it was desided to dispatch a squadron to Chinese

George Croker Dead.

#### NEW YORK, December 23.—George Croker, brother of Richard Croker, died midnight to-night, at the residence of Dr. William Jenks, on Staten Island. Ex-Congressman Patton Dead. PHILADELPHIA, December 23.-Exongressman John Patton, of Curwens-

ville, died in this city to-night, after a long illness. He was 74 years of age. To Cure a Cold in One Day by paying to the said Clerk of the Coun-ty or Corporation Court all the taxes,

DON'T LOOK FOR REMOVAL-SALE PRICES

# THE FIRE SALE STORE.

No one would be willing to sacrifice thousands of dollars' worth of stuff, nor would we, but for the necessity of being FORCED TO CLOSE STOCK in order to repair and remodel the store by contract—caused from the damage of the conflagration and destruction of the recent fire. Read these prices. The GOODS ARE BETTER THAN THE DESCRIPTION. YOUR MONEY BACK ON APPLICATION three days after the purchase, if unsatisfactory.

All the Men's Light-Colored Covert-Cloth Overcoats, that were bought cash down to be sold for \$10, for \$5.

Men's Suits, the choice between all the \$12 and \$15 suits; the removal-sale price to sell them quick, \$5.

All the Suits, that sold rapidly at \$7 and \$15; to close them quick for \$3.50.

All the Boys' Long-Pants Suits, that were bought cash down, rapidly sold at \$6; for \$2.50.

All the Men's Light-Colored Covert-Cloth Overcoats, that were bought cash down to be sold for \$10, for \$1.75.

All the Children's Refers, ages 4 to 8, that are marked \$2.50, for \$1.25.

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All the Children's Suits, that were \$2.50.

All the Men's Pants, that were \$2.50.

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# A. GREENTREE.

THE DELINQUENT LAND LAW.

Text of the Bill Proposed to Super-

sede the Present Law. Below will be found the text of the bin introduced in the Senate by Mr. Clayor on the first day of the present session, to amend the law in relation to the purchase of delinquent lands by the Auditor. The bill passed the Senate, but the House refused to concur. Mr. Claytor then succeeded in having passed a but suspending the action of the law for sixty days, which began to run on the 12th instant.

The bill originally introduced by Mr.

Claytor read as follows: A Bill to Amend and Re-Enact Section 665 of the Code of Virginia, as Amend-ed and Re-Enacted by an Act Approved March 5, 1894, in Relations to Delinquent Lands Purchased in the Name of the Lands Purchased in the Name of Anditor, and as Amended and Re-En-Acted by an Act Approved January 29, 1896, Entitled an Act to Amend and Re-Enact Section 666 of the Code of Vir-ginia, as Amended and Re-Enacted by an Act Approved March 5, 1894, in Re-lation to Delinquent Lands Purchased in the Name of the Auditor. Be it enacted by the General Assembly

Virginia, That section 665 of the Code of Virginia, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 5, 1891, in re-lations to delinquent lands purchased in the pame of the Auditor, and as amended and re-enacted by an act approved Jan-uary 29, 1896, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 665 of the Code of Virginia, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 5, 1894, in rela-tion to delinquent lands purchased in the name of the Auditor, be amended and re-acted so as to read as follows:

THE MODE OF PROCEDURE. Section 606. When and how lands pur-chased in the name of the previous owner, his heirs, or assigns, having the right to charge the same with a debt. within two years from the date of such surchase, any person desiring to pur-chase it shall file an application with the cierk of the county or corporation court wherein such real estate is situated, for the purchase of such real estate for the amount for which the sale to the Com-monwealth was made, together with such additional sums as would have accrued from taxes and levies and interest, if such real estate had not been purchased by the Commonwealth, with interest on the amount for which said sale was made at the rate of 6 per centum per annum from the day of sale, and on the additional sums from the 15th day of December in the year in which the same would have accrued, in which application shall be set out the name of the person in whose name the real estate stood at the date of the sale thereof to the Commonwealth, the person in actual posses-sion of such real estate at the time of service, if any, and the person in whose name such real estate stands at the date said application on the ooks of such county or corporation, or if any of the said persons be dead, then to his person representative, and the name of the trustee and beneficiary in any deed of trust or mortgage on said real estate, and the mortgage in such mortgage or his personal representative, and the clerk shall thereupon make out four or more copies of such application and deliver them to the Sheriff of his ounty or the Sergeant of his corpora cuse may be, shall serve one of said opies on the person in whose name said cal estate stood at the date of the sale thereof to the Commonwealth, or if said person be dead, then on his personal repesentative, another of said copies on the rson in actual possession at the time of service of service of the real estate so returned delinquent, and another on the person in whose name said real estate stands on the Commissioner's books of said county or corporation at the date of

said application, or his personal representative, if he be dead, and another on such trustee and beneficiary and mortangee, or his personal representative, and the said Sheriff or Sergeant shall return the other copy to the said clerk of the county or corporation court, with his return thereon endorsed, upon whom said copies were served, and when and where And if, for any reason, the said sheriff or sergeant cannot serve the copy on the persons aforesaid, his return shall so state, and shall give the reasons for his failure so to serve said copies. And in case there is no person in or if there be no dwelling-house thereon, some other conspicuous place on said real estate. And in case the return of passage. the Sheriff or Sergeant shows that there was no service of said copy upon the person in whose name the land was returned delinquent, or his personal repre sentative, and upon the person in whose name the land stands upon the Commi sioner's books, or his personal represen ative, and upon such trustee and ben ficiary and mortgagee, or his personal representative, then the clerk of the county or corporation court shall insert a copy of such application with the return of the officer thereon endersed, in a newspaper published in the county of corporation wherein such real estate i situated; or, if there be no newspape published in said county or corporation then in the nearest newspaper, once week for four successive weeks, and shall post a copy thereof at the front foor of the court-house for a like period door of the court-house for a face person-it shall also be the duty of the clerk of said court to post at the front door of the court-house of said county on the first day of each term of said court from

the name of the person in whose name the land proposed to be purchased ap peared on the land-books, and such de scription of said land as is shown or such land-book. If the person in whose name said rea state was listed when sold to the Commonwealth, or other person, who had the right to redeem at the time of the ser vice of the copies or of the publication of the application as aforesaid, does not appear within four months after such copies have been served as aforesaid, or within four months from the completion This stocking will I fill to top With merry Christmas cheer. of the publication and posting of such application, and redeem said real estate A happy Christmas will I leave,

penalties, and costs therewith connected,

the time of the filing of such application

until the same is redeemed or the said

proposed purchase is perfected, as herein provided, a list of all such applica-tions, stating the name of the applicant.

the proceedings under this section, then the person who made the application shall have the right to purchase the said real estate within five days from the ex-piration of the four months, as aforesaid, by paying to the said Clerk all the said taxes, penalties, fees, and costs; and the said purchaser shall then, in order to complete his purchase, at his expense, have a report made to the county or corporation court of the county or cor-poratin in which said real estate is situporatin in which said real estate is situated, by the surveyor of such county or corporation, or where there is no such surveyor, by some competent surveyor to be appointed by such court for that pur be appointed by such court for that pur-pose, specifying the metes and bounds of the said real estate, the names of the owners of the adjoining tracts or lots, and giving such further description of said real estate as will identify the same; and the county or corporation court, unless it has some objection to such report, shall order the same to be such report, shall order the same to be

After such report shall have been re corded, the purchaser shall obtain from the clerk of the county or corporation court of the county or corporation in which said real estate is situated, a conveying the same, in which shall be set forth all the circumstances appearing in the Clerk's office in relation to the sale, and reference shall be made in said deed to said report. In no case shall the Commonwealth be liable for any costs incurred under any of the provisions of

For every deed executed under this sec-tion, the Clerk shall be entitled to \$1. which the purchaser shall pay on the de-

If the Clerk refuse to execute such deed, the court may compel him to do so upon the petition of the purchaser.

Every such deed shall be with covenants of special warranty.

If no such deed be made under this chapter within one year after the purchase of the said real estate by the party entitled to the deed, the person entitled to redeem the same as hereinbefore mentioned, his heirs or assigns, may, after tioned, his heirs or assigns, may, after such year and before such deed is made, redeem the said real estate by paying to the purchaser the amount paid therefor by him, including the cost, with such taxes and levies as he may have paid thereon since such purchase, with in-terest at 6 per cent, per annum upon such payments from the date they were re-

spectively made.

The provisions of section 661 of the Code of Virginia shall apply to deeds made under authority of this section, and the provisions of section 662 shall apply to real estate sold under authority of this

REGARDING NOTICE.

In all cases where applications have been heretofore made to purchase real estate under section 668, as amended and re-enacted by the act approved January 29, 1896, and in which the application have not been perfected and the pur-chase made complete by the execution or copies of such application, and deliver them to the sheriff or sergeant, to be served by him in the same manner and upon the same persons as herein directed and thereupon the same proceedings shall be had, and the same time shall be given persons entitled to redeem, to redeem such real estate, and in the same manner as is hereinbefore provided, except in cases where the publication has been heretofore made for four weeks, and it appears by the second return of the offi-cer that he has been unable to serve the process. It shall not be necessary for cond publication to be made, nor shall it be necessary to make another survey of the tract or lot where one has been previously made under the provisions of sald section 666, as amended by the sale act of January 29, 1896; but in all cases where the applications have been so made and not so perfected prior to the passage of this act, persons having the right to redeem shall be allowed by the said clerk to redeem the said real estate in the manner herein provided within four months after such last-mentioned cop have been served; and in no case shall it be lawful for the said clerk to make a ed to the said real estate until the ex piration of said four months; provided, that no application shall be made under this act to purchase any real estate if at the time of such application suit is pend ing in the courts of the county or corporation wherein such real estate is ts due creditors or for partition amor possession of said real estate, said sheriff the parties interested, until after the or sergeant shall post one copy on the land has been sold in said suit and the front door of the dwelling-house thereon, court has failed to cause the taxes to be court has failed to cause the taxes to be paid out of the purchase money. 2. This act shall be in force from its

## Why Santa Laughed.

Upon a snowy Christmas-eve, Puss lay asleep upon the rug, The clock tick-tocked in rhyme The pendulum swung to and fro, The hands went 'round the face As they flew on apace.

The clock had just struck out the hour, And told the folks "all's well, When out upon the midnight clear, Came merry sound of bell.
Look! Down the chimney, black and grim, Saint Nick and pack appear,

He one by one the stockings fills, Then cries: "What have we here?" For there upon the mantel shelf, The last one in the row,

Was hung a stocking, oh so big, With note pinned to the toe, "What's this," cried Santy, with a laugh, "Shall I this note unpin?" "To Santy Claus, from the North Pole," 'Yes, yes, I'll peep within.' And as he read, his eyes grew bright,

He smiled and bobbed his head, For, in that note pinned to the toe, This brief request he read: This stocking for the poor? And give us less this Xmastide, Signed, Willie and Fred. Moore," "Ho, ho," said Santa with a smile, "Kind little folks live here,

LEFT IN RUEGER'S WASH-ROOM Who mid their joys did not forget A stocking for the poor."
ALICE LOTHERINGTON.

## TO COIN SEIGNIORAGE.

Proposed Amendment to the Legislative Appropriation Bill. (Washington Star.)

is intimated that when the legislative appropriation bill gets over to the Senate an attempt will be made to amend the item relating to mintage by adding a provision for the coinage of the silver seigniorage now in the Treasury. Such an amendment is permissible under the practice of the Senate.

#### The Two Christmastides. (Theodore Watts in the Athenaeum.)

On Winter's woof, which scarcely seems But hangs translucent, like a virgin's O'er headstone, monument, and guardian-raft.

The New Year's sun shines golden-seems to throw Upon her coffin-flowers a greeting glow From lands she loved to think on-

seems to trail Love's holy radiance from the very O'er those white flowers before the sink

Is that a spirit or bird whose sudden From yonder sunlit tree beside the grave, Recalls a robin's warble, sweet yet

Upon a lawn beloved of wind and Recalls her "Christmas Robin," ruddy, brave, Winning the crumbs she throws where blackbirds throng?

In Christmastide of Heaven does she re-Those happy days with Gabriel by the Who gathered 'round him those he

And said, "The sen-sweet winds are With the carols from the billows sing-Around the groynes, and every shrub

and tree

"Must coax the birds to join the festi-

and fall." The coffin-flowers, and I can see her See that dear sister standing by her

scious of the Channel's rise

As once I saw them 'neath our Christmas bough-And her, that dearer one, who sancti-

With halo of mother's love our Christ-And Gabriel, too-with peace upon his

(Atlanta Constitution.) "My dear, you're looking very tired to-(That means a Christmas cloak!) I'll get your slippers and your pipe-a

(That's business, and no joke!)

(My head has fallen back)

Hollday Attentions.

You'll kill yourself if you keep working (That speech is bound to win!) Darling, I could not live if you should

(That means a diamond pint) Tve had the girl make just the nicest

The kind you liked best when you married me!" (Mercy! A fur-trimmed sacque!) Poor, tired dear! I'll rub your head for you!"
(In mute despair I look.)
"When I go shopping I'll be tired, too!"

(That means-my pocket-book!) Story That Never Grows Old.

(Middletown (Md.) Valley Register.) Welcome, thrice welcome, oh; glad Christmas time. When our hearts swell with rapture and music sublime; For thou bringest glad tidings that oft have been told

Oh! how gladly we welcome thee back to With thy Peace and Good Will, with thy music and rhyme;

With richest of blessings that fall like pure gold-

With the story that never, no never, grows old! Oh, the mem'ries of childhood! How sweet they appear To each mature heart as old Christmas draws near;

oraws near; Fond recollections loom up manifold Of the story that never, no never, grows chiming bellsRing o'er the hilitops, and ring through
the delts;
Peal out the sweet message-now softly,
now bold,
Of the store that Of the story that never, no never, grows old!

Tell it, ye children, with anthems of praise; Let each little heart with pure gratitude raise-Let the church be illumined, and from it unfold The story that never, no never, grows old!

Oh, let the old homestead, with music

and mirth.

Beam like a Paradise here upon earth;
Bring all the absent ones back to behold
The joys of the story that never grows
old! Christmas, dear Christmas! We greet thee once more In the church, in the home, with wide open door, Where, 'mid anthems and praises again will be told The story that new r. no newer.

The story that never, no never, grows old!
G. C. RHODERICK, JR. LOST, STRAYED, AND FOUND.

last night, about 8:30, a GOLD WATCH, with seal attached. Initials W. H. C. on one side and 1882 on the other. Finder will be liberally rewarded if returned to H. B. GREEN, 1117 east Main. de 24-1t\*

Why do bells for Christmas ring?

Why do little children sing? Once a lovely shining star Seen by shepherds from afar Gently moved until its light Made a manger's cradle bright.

There a darling baby lay Pillowed soft upon the hay, And its mother sang and smiled, "This is Christ, the holy child."

Therefore bells for Christmas ring; Therefore little children sing. EUGENE FIELD.

## Two Libraries.

The fifty-fourth volume of the Century Magazine has just been issued by the Century Company, and is a miscellaneous Who in itself. Fiction is represented in the line of serials by Dr. Mitchell's in the line of serials by Dr. Mitchell's novel of the American Revolution, "Hush Wynne, Free Quaker"; Mrs. Mary Hartwell Catherwood's historical romance, "The Days of Jeanne d'Arc," and Mrs. Marion Manville Pope's extravaganza. "Up the Matterhorn in a Boat." There are short stories by William Henry Bishop, Maurice Thompson, Lucy S. Fur-man, Margaret Sutton Briscoe, and others, The serial features are General Herace Porter's "Campaigning With Grant"; extracts from the journals of the late African explorer, E. J. Glave, papers on "The Cathedrals of France," by Mrs. M. G. Van Rensselaer; reminis ences by General John M. Schoffeld, and he series of papers on "Heroes of the series of papers on 'Heroes of Peace," by Gustav Kobbe, and of the New Peace," by Gustav Kobbe, and of the New York police by Hon, Theodore Roosevelt. In the way of travel there are articles on Alaska, by John Muir; "Bleyeling Through the Dolomites," by Colonel George E. Waring, Jr.; Crete and Greece, by Demetrius Kalopothakes and Benja-min Ide Wheeler; Thessaly, by Thomas Dwight Goodell; Norway, by H. H. Boye-ren and Hornes Scudder; and Lava and sen and Horace Scudder; and Java and Singapore, by Miss Eliza Ruhamah Scidmore. Timely questions are treated in three papers on "Scientific Kite-Flying," by J. B. Millet, Lieutenant Hugh D. Wise, and William A. Eddy; "Glimpses of Gladstone," with sketches from life by

Gladstone," with sketches from life by Harry Furniss, and "Queen Victoria," by Hen. Thomas F. Bayard and Florence Hayward. Art also finds large place. In the twelve bound No. of St. Nicholas, issued by the same publishers, there is John Bennett's story of the time of Shapespeare, "Master Skylark," full of the romance of the Elizabethan age. of the romance of the Emark.

W. H. Shelton's war story, "The Last
Three Soldiers," introduces an entirely
new variation of the Robinson Crusos
idea. Frances Courtenay Baylor has an
international story for girls in "Miss international story for girls in "Miss Ninna Barrow." Frank M. Bicknell takes his young and ardent readers to "The City of Stories," while Noah Brooks tells of adventures almost as strange in "The True Story of Marco Polo." Laurence Hutton gives interesting glimpses of boy-life in New York at the middle of the Knew," and many other contribut presented which will delight the juvenile

## How to Avoid Bacteria,

(Chicago Record.) Now come some doctors in New York to show that handshaking, also, is a dangerous practice. The bacilli of diphtheria, small-pox, and scarlet-fever may be dis-tributed by the hand clasp of friendship. "Handshaking," says one of the doctors, "is a fearful menace to public health. Most of the known types of bacteria have been found on the normal hand, and the clinical demonstration supporting these conditions is as undeniable as the knowledge of the causative relation between the microbes and disease."

It is true that mankind has been in-

dulging in handshaking for many centu-

ries without knowing anything about the frightful risks incurred, but now that the truth has been disclosed, let the practice be stopped. It should be abolished, together with all other habits involving similar dangers. Don't rub elbows with people in a crowd; elbows are frequently charged with bacteria. On greeting a friend who insists on walking by your side, keep a bottle of carbolic acid between him and yourself. Never lift your hat to a lady; the brim may be covered with bacteria. Be sure that your knife and fork are antiseptically treated before eating. Do not walk out of doors; the sole of your boot will become incrusted with microbes; and the air is sure to be full of them. If a stranger addresses you, In the story that never, no never, grows turn and run; how do you know that he isn't saturated with bacteria? Make it a fixed principle to live in seclusion, with hermetically sealed doors and windows,

and keep powerful disinfectants at hend night and day. For centuries the race has been going on to destruction in its own way, just for lack of a few simple precautions like

## His Affliction.

(Exchange.) A teacher had told a class of juvenile pupils that Milton, the poet, was blind. The next day she asked if any of them could rem mber what Milton's greatest affliction was. "Yes'm," replied one little fellow, "he was a post."

Mrs, George M. Pullman has decided not to abide by the terms of the will of her husband, it is reported, but to accept her dower interest in the Pullman estate instead. According to the will, she would be given \$50,000 in cash, the homestead in Chicago, and the income from \$1,250,000 during her life, the sum to revert to the estate after her death. This would make it practically impossible for her to leave anything to the two sons, who were practically disinherited by their father. third interest as dower gives her \$3,000,000 in personal property and one-third in-terest for life in the real estate held by Mr. Pullman. This estimate makes the estate of Mr. Pullman aggregate at least \$15,000,000, instead of \$7,000,000, as announced immediately after his death. So goes the latest Chicago story.

## HIRSCH.-Died, at his residence, No

504 east Cary street, at 12 o'clock Thursday, December 23d, THOMAS HIRSCH; Funeral from his residence FRIDAY at

POT A PRAYER-MEETING, TO

which all are invited, will be held SATURDAY (Christmas) Monxing at 6 o'clock at Centenary church, near the corner of Grace and Fifth streets.